

**Doordarshan Programmes**

5507. SHRI YELLAIAH NANDI : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that regional entertainment programmes telecast by rotation on Doordarshan, are not being telecast properly, regularly, and in time for the last one year or so;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take to ensure that these programmes of different States are telecast on Doordarshan regularly and in time, without any deviation from the schedule set therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) When important national or International events are relayed live by the National network of Doordarshan or by the metro service, the regional entertainment programmes telecast by rotation on Doordarshan are sometimes curtailed to the extent of such relay.

(c) Depending on the resources that can be generated by such national or international events or the importance of relaying such events in public interest, the regional entertainment programmes telecast by rotation on DD get curtailed. It is the endeavour of DD to ensure that such curtailment of programmes is kept to the barest minimum, taking into account the programme exigencies, on both the national network and the Metro.

**Ayurveda Treatment in Tourist Centres of Kerala**

5508. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN : Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government have received any proposal from the State Government of Kerala for providing Ayurvedic treatment in the tourist centres of Kerala; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

**Free Gifts**

5509. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL : Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of the Union Government has been invited to the news item captioned 'Is offering free gifts unfair?' appearing in 'The Hindu Businessline', New Delhi, dated August 10, 1996;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein;

(c) the reaction of the Government reported there to; and

(d) the manner in which the Government propose to stop this unfair practice ?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Central issue raised in the article refers to the practice of free gifts associated with the sale of commodities and the problems faced by the consumers. The article has also suggested that the consumer should exercise caution in respect of such sale.

(c) and (d) A consumer affected by the unfair trade practice adopted by the seller/trader can seek redressal of his grievances from the Consumer Courts set up under the Consumer Protection Act, 1986 or from the Monopolies and Restrictive Trade Practices Commission set up under the Monopolies and Restrictive Trade Practices Act, 1969.

[Translation]

**Amendment in the Provision of Financial Assistance**

5510. SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT 'BACHDA' : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to make amendments in the existing rules for providing financial assistance to Non-governmental Organisations in future; and

(b) if so, the time by which the required amendments are likely to be made ?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) : (a) No, Sir, There is no proposal to amend the provisions contained in the existing General Financial Rules, 1963 for grants-in-aid to Voluntary Organisations.

(b) Does not arise.

[English]

**Monuments in the Country**

5511. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA : Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there are a number of monuments which have been neglected/unidentified so far;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to develop those monuments;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps being taken by the Government to popularise them among the tourists?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA) : (a) and (b) According to the Archeological Survey of India

the exploration and identification of monuments for the protection and preservation is a continuous process.

(c) and (d) The protected monuments are conserved and preserved as per the structural needs of the monuments and availability of resources.

(e) To create awareness about the monuments and to popularize them among the tourists, the World Heritage Day and World Heritage Week are observed at the important monuments of the country. The Department of Tourism has a scheme for the Refurbishment and Landscaping of monuments.

#### Closure of Mines

5512. SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS : Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state :

(a) the number of mines which have been closed down during the last three years upto June 1996 in the country;

(b) the reasons for their closure;

(c) the loss in production and revenue suffered as a result thereof in each year, State-wise; and

(d) the steps taken to rehabilitate the labourers of these mines ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA) : (a) As per provisions of Rule 23 of Mineral Conservation & Development Rules 1988, the owner agent, mining engineer or manager of every mine is required to give a notice to the Government of his intention to abandon a mine or a part thereof. However, as per information available with India Bureau of Mines (IBM) during the last 3 years upto June, 1996, notice of abandonment of 30 mines have been received by the Government. Details of which are given as under : —

	State	No. of Mines
1.	Karnataka	5
2.	Madhya Pradesh	3
3.	Bihar	3
4.	Kerala	3
5.	Himachal Pradesh	2
6.	Rajasthan	3
7.	Tamil Nadu	4
8.	Andhra Pradesh	1
9.	Maharashtra	3
10.	Gujarat	3
	Total	30

(b) Reasons for abandonment are exhaustion of minerals, lack of demand, un-economical working condition, closure on account of Court order and State Government order and mines falling within Coastal Regulation Zone.

(c) There is no significant loss in overall annual production of these mines. However, production loss of these mines is given in the statement enclosed.

(d) Government has no specific scheme for revival of mines which have closed or work temporarily discontinued. However, where the closure is due to lack of demand, it is felt that steps taken to liberalise the economy and increased industrial production would result in increasing demand for minerals and so make operations of such mines economical.

#### STATEMENT

##### LOSS OF PRODUCTION

Sl. No.	State	Mineral	Loss of production during the year (in tonnes)		
			1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
1.	Bihar	Kyanite	1177	1177	177
		Fireclay	—	—	1255
		Felspar & Quartz	—	19 (Fels.)	19 (Fels.)
			—	431 (Qtz.)	431 (Qtz.)
2.	Kerala	Silica Sand	2008	2008	2008
		China clay	226	226	226
		Limeshell	7712	7712	7712
3.	Karnataka	Magnesite	—	2718	2718
		Limestone	10000	10000	10000
4.	Tamilnadu	Limestone	—	14693	15132
		Quartz &	—	—	1059 (Qtz.)
		Felspar	—	—	104 (Fels.)
5.	Rajasthan	Silica Sand	—	1695	1695
		Limestone	3124	3124	3124
6.	Andhra Pradesh	Manganese Ore	—	426	426
7.	Gujarat	Bauxite	—	606	1296
8.	Maharashtra	Industrial Sand	15807	20287	20637
9.	Madhya Pradesh	Laterite	—	—	30
		Dolomite	—	—	1248

[Translation]

#### Development of Pushkar and Ajmer

5513. PROF. RASA SINGH RAWAT : Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) the details and reasons for not including the Pushkar and Ajmer in the World Tourist Map;